(b) if so, the details of other items which are under examination of the DGAD; and

(c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In addition to the above mentioned products, the other products under examination for Anti Dumping investigations are Sports Shoes, Potassium Permanganate, Sodium Hydrosulphite, Choline Chloride, Analgin, High Styrene Butadiene Copolymer, Partially Oriented Yam, White Cement, Hexamine, Vitamin AD3,2-Methyl (5) Nitro Imidazole, Ferro Silicon, Zinc Oxide, Biaxally Oriented Poly Propylene Film, Polyster Staple Fibre, Vitamin AB2D3K, Acrylic Yam, Trimethoprim, Thermal Sensitive Paper and Vitrified/Porcelain Tiles.

(c) The normal time allowed for conclusion of investigation and submission of final findings is one year from the date of initiation of the investigation. The above period may be extended under exceptional circumstances by six months by the Central Government.

Proposal for taking over of Tea Estates by DGHC

2461. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council for taking over Peshow, Va-Jukvar and Potong Tea Estates of Darjeeling;

(b) whether DGHC will undertake the responsibilities of liabilities also; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) A proposal was received from Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (DGHC) for taking over the management and operation of Pashok, Van Takvar and Potong Tea Estates.

(b) The proposal of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council (DGHC) was to take over the management on as-is-where-is basis at no cost and also to meet the current liabilities of the above gardens by running them from mutually agreed

date till the Tea Trading Corporation of India finalises the rehabilitation of workers and disposal of the gardens.

(c) DGHC was informed that cases filed by the erstwhile owners/ private parties with regard to these gardens are pending in the Calcutta High Court and therefore, the matter is *sub-judice*. Accordingly, the future of these gardens would depend on the outcome of the court judgement.

Collaboration of India and Pakistan to protect the textile sector from E. U.

2462. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have decided to Collaborate to protect their interests in the textile sector against the European Union;

(b) if so, the modalities worked out against the moves by the European Union; and

(c) the mechanism evolved to protect the interests of textile manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) to (c) There is no consideration at present regarding collaboration between India and Pakistan to protect their interests in the textile sector against the European Union. However, as part of the ongoing work programme in the World Trade Organisation on resolution of implementation related issues, concerns have been expressed by India along with other developing countries including Pakistan regarding the lack of liberalisation in international trade in the textile sector.

J WG on Indo-China trade

2463. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether after signing a pact on WTO India and China also signed a MoU for setting up a Joint Working Group (JWG) to increase cooperation in metallurgical sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?